

A copy of the first issue of the Grandin Herald came to our table last week. It is neat, newsy, republican in politics and starts off with a liberal advertising patronage. Success to the Herald.

Hon. J. E. SWANER, secretary of state, has our thanks for a copy of his Official Manual of Missouri. We have had little time to examine it but it seems to be up to the standard in the way of valuable information.

REV. W. E. DOCKERY, father of ex-Governor A. M. Dockery, passed away at the home of an adopted daughter at Marion, Iowa, October 22, aged about 83 years. Rev. Mr. Dockery was a prominent minister of the Missouri conference, M. E. Church South, for many years. His remains were interred at Chillicothe, Mo., Tuesday.

LAST issue of the Jackson Cash-Book contained a beautiful tribute to the memory of Robert Sturdivant, from the pen of Hon. Louis Houck. Mr. Sturdivant died at Tallapoosa, Ga., October 12, at the advanced age of 88 years, and for 65 years he had lived in Cape Girardeau, where he was successful in business and loved and respected by his fellowmen. When Mr. Houck built his first railroad, he remembered his friend by giving his name to one of the future towns on the line and it happened to be the only station on his line in Bollinger county.

SELECTING SEED CORN.

(Weekly Agricultural Letter.)

The farmer who expects to raise a large crop of corn next year will begin now with the selection of his seed corn. Four essentials are necessary for the production of a large crop of corn, namely: good seed, good soil, good cultivation and a good season. Three of these are entirely under the farmer's control.

Without good seed it is impossible to produce a large yield of corn. It is not enough that the corn shall grow but it should possess strong vitality in order to produce a vigorous stalk and a good ear.

Whatever variety the farmer grows he must study the type and select his ideal ear, then he should select all his seed as nearly identical with this ideal ear as possible. The corn may be selected by going thru the field and picking off the best ears or perhaps a plan that will be practiced by a greater number of farmers is to have a box on the side of the wagon when husking the corn and select the best ears and put them into the box.

An important thing to do is to have the corn thoroughly dried out. This may be done by hanging the corn up in the barn or some other dry place, or spreading it out where the mice will not get to it and in a place where it is sufficiently dry and warm to thoroughly dry it. If it can be put where it can have artificial heat from the stove it will be so much the better. One great cause for so much seed corn being injured by hard freezing in the winter time is because it is not thoroughly dried before the freezing weather. Freezing will not injure the corn at all if it is sufficiently dry.

Tests made by the Missouri Experiment station last spring from samples of corn taken from seed that was being used by the farmers showed that in a number of instances farmers were planting seed corn that only two-thirds of it would germinate under favorable conditions. With a little time and care in the fall the farmer should have seed that at least 98 per cent will germinate, showing strong vitality under favorable conditions. The farmer can do no work on the farm that will bring him as good returns for the time and labor as will the work and time spent in selecting and preparing seed corn.

GEO. B. ELLIS,
Secretary State Board of Agriculture.

Our Correspondents.

Patton.
EDITOR PRESS.—Allow me, as a subscriber to say that we have recently had some excellent sermons by Rev. Prof. T. V. Gwilym. He gave us four sermons at Post Oak chapel, and three at Patton. He had large audiences and his sermons commanded the attention, respect and appreciation of all. It was the desire of the people that he remain with us longer, but his health would not permit it at this time. He made many friends here who hope for the restoration of his

health and that he may visit our town again shortly.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Bessville.

(Arrived too late for last week.)
Rev. Barrett passed thru Bessville Thursday on his way to Rhodes chapel, returning Sunday to attend quarterly conference at Gillett's chapel. Rev. A. D. Ball, presiding elder was present and preached Sunday night and held quarterly conference Monday morning.

Flatwoods folks have been unloading a car of bone meal they had ordered. It is to be hoped that the heavy frosts we have had lately will put the Hessian fly out of business, for this season at least.

Charley and Lennie Whitworth and Arthur Combs visited their grandparents Sunday.

Mrs. Barks, who has been visiting her brother at Rock Point, spent Sunday with her uncle, Jacob Bess near here.

W. M. C. Notes.

Wheeler Mitchell entered school Tuesday and of course joined the cadet corps.

Doe O'Kelly, Boyd Mayfield, Oscar Graham and Willie Wells accompanied company G of the Sixth battalion on their target practice trip to Burfordville last Friday and Saturday.

The Excelsior Literary Society will hold its next meeting Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Visitors are most cordially invited. The members of the cadet corps received their uniforms last Saturday. They expect to send in another order next week as several boys have joined since the first order was made.

The college boys have organized a foot ball team and are training.

Miss Alpha Leslie spent Sunday at her home near Gravel Hill.

Several of the young lady students enjoyed a hickory nut hunt Monday.

William Schmidt spent Sunday with his parents at Leopold.

UNCLE REMUS.

Lodge.

Health very good.

We had a fine rain last week and wheat is coming up nicely.

Mrs. Clay of Farmington is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cobb and family here.

Mrs. E. V. Robertson and son, Otto, who moved to Colorado last November, returned to old Bollinger county October 14, and expect to stay this time.

John Fisher, the assessor, was among our people last week.

Walter Sitzes and Clay Minter are shaving hoops near Hahn postoffice.

Mrs. M. B. Minter visited relatives at Fredericktown last week, returning home last Tuesday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Catherine Dollar.

Roy Charles and family visited relatives in Illinois recently.

J. H. Mouser finished making molasses for this season last week.

A. J. Mouser of Oak Ridge is at his father's here on a visit. His health is rather poor at present.

Rev. R. A. Moyers left Monday to enter William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., where he will resume his course of study to prepare himself for the ministry. Bro. Moyers is a fine young man and we wish him success.

Mrs. Burl Charles and children are visiting relatives at Cape Girardeau.

OSERVER.

Tallent.

Emanuel Loran, who was seriously ill at the last writing is convalescent.

Vollie Bille is working for Juan Moyers this week.

Will Tallent went 'possum hunting Saturday night and he informed us that he procured five nice pelts.

The good people of this community assembled at Pleasant Valley twice Sunday, but were disappointed each time—the minister failing to get there.

Collector Elfrank was in this community last Thursday, and our taxpayers can tell you what his business was.

John Davenport and family visited Juan Moyers and family Sunday.

Misses Nannie and Carrie Slinkard were the guests of Misses Sallie and Willie Kitchin Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Smith of Flat River is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stone.

William Gruner visited at Rev. Trenham's Sunday afternoon.

Prof. W. M. Welker visited in this community Sunday.

The debating society met last Friday night and an excellent program was rendered. Everybody seems to be taking much interest,

and we hope that the society will prove beneficial to the school and all who take an interest in it.

Success to THE PRESS.

LOUISA DOCKERY.

Lloyd.

Lloyd is on hand again.

Our merchant is having a good trade these times.

Some of our farmers who waited for the moon to get right to sow their wheat, got left, for when the moon got right the ground got too wet.

J. L. Wallis is not the only man in this vicinity that raised two wagon loads of sweet potatoes. A. W. Henderson with you, Jake!

A young school teacher who resides in this vicinity had quite a walk recently, in the wee sma' hours of a Sunday night. His horse got tired of waiting for him and went home without him. A young lady can tell you something about it.

Lam Yount sold a fine mule to Zach O'Kelly a few days ago.

Collector Henry Elfrank and deputy, Melvin Lutes, have been here, relieving the taxpayer of part of their prosperity.

J. H. Yount grinds our corn on Fridays, cuts shingles, and turns and cuts all kinds of fine house finishings.

M. B. Whitener made a business trip to Patton yesterday.

The heavy rain that fell here today raised Crooked Creek so that the school children could not cross.

Stave hauling from Patton to Marquand requires the employment of quite a number of teams.

Good wishes to the readers of THE PRESS.

Y. Z.

Grassy.

Cool, pleasant weather.

Health very good in this locality.

Our farmers are looking around for something to do now that wheat sowing is over.

Hon. T. W. Cooper was in Wayne county last week looking after his farming interests there and visiting his son-in-law, Jacob Hammonck.

Stock buyers are plentiful but owing to the low prices, few trades are made.

"Uncle Roe" Cooper and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Chambers, in Indiana.

Franklin Cooper and wife and son, William, of Wayne county, are visiting relatives and friends here.

W. J. Rea's twin babies are in very poor health.

We recently received a letter from a friend in Dunklin county in which he stated that field wages are from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day for ordinary cotton pickers.

The spelling bee given by Prof. James McGee at the McKelvey school Friday night was quite interesting.

Miss Rosa Hughes and Mr. Elbert Eaker won first honors for the Gregory school and Mr. Pounds carried off second honors for the Pound school.

We have again heard the chime of the wedding bells since our last writing. Joseph Rea and Miss Elfr Mitchell were united by marriage October 12, at the home of the bride, Rev. Frank Morris officiating. The groom is the son of Rufus Rea, a prosperous farmer of Grassy, and the bride is the only daughter of Mr. Mitchell, another prosperous farmer of Pond creek. The writer extends congratulations to the young couple and wishes them unbounded success.

STEPHEN.

Scopus.

Fine weather, is this!

Health is generally good in this community.

Wheat sowing is all done for this year and our farmers are employed in various other ways.

Some of our people took a pleasure trip to Jackson last Thursday and took in the big show, with its many wonderful attractions.

T. M. Brown is running his saw-mill on full time now.

There are rumors of a new church building for Scopus in the near future, which is needed very much.

Elder W. H. George filled his regular appointment at Cole's chapel Sunday.

Here is one of the cases that "Scopian Boy" referred to in his communication to THE PRESS recently, where people think and act.

Two of our neighbors each thought he could lick the other and attempted to "show their faith by their works, and—well one of them did it in regular—Now if that isn't a case of think and act, what do you call it?

Mrs. Jeff M. Limbaugh is on the puny list at this writing.

"Uncle Bill" Walker is on our streets occasionally "swapping yarns with the boys.

Hosea Seabaugh informs us that "possums" are now ripe.

Mrs. Lou Farrar is visiting at Hornersville at this writing.

Our school is getting along nicely under the able management of Eli R. James.

S. E. Dewhitt, one of our progressive farmers, contemplates building a new house this fall.

Ye scribe will never forget the advice of an old Indian: "By close attention to your own business you will make more than by meddling with other people's business."

How true this is! If everybody would attend strictly to his or her own business and not meddle where they are not concerned, there would be more still tongues and wise heads than there are.

Just taking a view of the world at large isn't some people's easiest game? Sometimes a still question will give their eyes pain.

No doubt the world would go along just as well without taking issue so often over small and unimportant matters.

OLD HILLSIDE.

Here is another from Scopus and we have cut out several of the items that appear above in order to save space.

There seems to be some complaint of sore throats among the children.

John F. Miller of Millerville painted the Baptist church house last week. John is a jolly good fellow and he knows how to handle the paint brush.

William Lane, one of our merchants made a business trip to Glen Allen Saturday.

D. D. Killian was on Whitewater Sunday.

Merchant H. B. Cole has laid in his stock of winter goods and Mrs. Cole has a large stock of nice millinery, and they are quite busy these days waiting on their customers.

Messrs. S. E. Dewhitt and son Ralph, went to Jackson last Thursday to see the big show.

Dr. Chostner was called to the Brown state factory recently to see a sick child of Ned Sanders. The doctor's profession seems to agree with him.

If you have a bad ox, about the best thing to do is to build a good strong fence around him.

BOO CHIEF.

Notice of Condemnation Proceedings.

The School Board of District No. 4, Township No. 24, Range No. 24, East, in the Circuit Court of Bollinger county, Missouri, do hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the said school district, to file the same in the office of the clerk of said court, within ten days of the date hereof.

Mary A. Pool, defendant.

Notice is hereby given to Mary A. Pool, the above named defendant, that on the 7th day of November, 1905, at the courthouse in the city of Fredericktown, in Madison county, state of Missouri, the Hon. Charles A. Killian, judge of the Circuit court of said county of Bollinger, will, in the vacation of said court, in chambers, hear and determine the petition of said plaintiff for the condemnation of the following described land, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 38 rods east of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, township 29, range 10, east, and running south 208 feet; thence east 208 feet; thence north 208 feet; thence west 208 feet to the place of beginning, in Bollinger county, state of Missouri.

For the purpose and use of a public school site for said school district, and for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain and assess the damages which the said Mary A. Pool, owner of said land, may sustain by reason of the appropriation and condemnation of said land for said purpose and use.

Done by order of the Hon. Charles A. Killian, judge of the Circuit court of county of Bollinger.

WITNESS my hand and official seal hereto affixed at my office in the Circuit Court of Bollinger county, Missouri, this 17th day of October, 1905.

SAM J. MCMINN,
Clerk of the Circuit Court.

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